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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the RCE dated 22 April 2005 in application 09/530,396. Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1, 10, and 16 are amended.

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 22 March 2005 has been entered.

The 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 1, 10, and 16 is now withdrawn in view of the amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young (4,706,121) in view of Browne et al. (International PCT WO 92/22983).

Regarding Claim 1, Young discloses a storage-type data receiver (See Figure 4) for receiving (See Tuner 164) and storing (See VCR 216) TV programming (Col. 7,

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Lines 66-68) and TV scheduling information (Col. 6, Lines 60-64). The TV programming reads on data being updated at irregular intervals. The scheduling information reads on next-update information indicating when the data will be next updated. The data and next-update information are distributed by a data source, where the next-update information is transmitted together with the TV programming or "next-update information being part of the data" (See column 6 line 60 – column 7 lines 32). Young further discloses a reception means for receiving the data and next-update information (164), extraction means for extracting the next-update information from the data (See Fig. 4 168 and 169; column 8 lines 23-40), and a storage means for storing the data (179). Young further discloses the use of the scheduling data to automatically trigger the storage of a program for unattended recording (Col. 12, Lines 14-24). When a recording event is scheduled, a test is performed to see if the system clock is within the scheduled time (Col. 20, Lines 40-43). It is inherent that there must be a signal or indication from the comparator instructing the recording device to become active. This reads on the claimed data update detection means for comparing a current time and a next-update time indicated by the next-update information so as to generate a data update time indication signal indicating whether or not it is time to revise the data. The data being revised is the video program to be recorded. Further disclosed is a data storage control means for controlling storage of the data in the storage means based on the data update time indication signal (Col. 20, Lines 54-64). What is not disclosed, however, is that the previously stored data in the storage means is replaced by the newly received revised data.

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Browne discloses a video recording system (See Figures 1 and 6) for receiving and recording transmission signals (Page 6, Lines 1-4) wherein programs to be recorded are stored in a finite capacity storage section and are automatically erased to make room for newly recorded programs (Page 19, Lines 6-18). Browne is evidence that ordinary workers in the art would appreciate the ability to erase an old program to make room for a new program in a video recording system. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Young with the replacement of data of Browne in order to optimize available space and prevent missing of recorded programs due to lack of space on a finite sized recording medium. This reads on the claimed replacing previously stored data with newly received revised data.

Regarding Claim 2, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 1. Young further discloses a system wherein the video recorder is controlled to store the received data when the scheduled time coincides with the current time as stated above. This reads on the claimed data storage control means controlling the storage means to store the received data when the current time coincides with the next-update time.

Regarding Claim 3, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 1. Young further discloses a system wherein the reception means comprises a tuner means (164) for arbitrarily selecting a signal of a broadcast channel among plural signals of broadcast channels (Col. 7, Lines 66-68) and a tuner control means for

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controlling channel selection (Col. 8, Lines 48-66) by the tuner means based on the data update time indication signal (Col. 8, Lines 35-40).

Regarding Claim 4, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 3. Young further discloses a system wherein the tuner control means controls the tuner means in such a manner so as to enable the tuner means to tune itself with the arbitrarily selected channel when the current time coincides with the next-update time (Col. 4, Lines 48-52 and Col. 8, Lines 23-40).

Regarding Claim 5, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 1. Young further discloses a system further comprising a power supply control means for controlling power supply to the reception means based on the data update time indication signal (Cols. 8-9, Lines 62-4).

Regarding Claim 6, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 5. Young further discloses a system wherein the power supply control means supplies power to the reception means only when the current time coincides with the next-update time (Col. 20, Lines 40-64).

Regarding Claim 7, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 5. It is inherent that the power supply control means supplies power to the data update detection means regardless of the data update time indication signal. If this were not the case, the control logic would not be active and would never know when to turn on the recorder for recording.

Regarding Claim 8, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 3. Young further discloses the selection of themes or particular programs for

unattended recording (Col. 12, Lines 14-24). These programs will be recorded based on their identification without user intervention regardless of what time they are broadcast. This reads on the claimed storage data identification information means for generating identification information for specifying the data to be stored, wherein, based on the identification information, the tuner control means tunes the channel of the tuner means to a broadcast channel through which the data to be stored is distributed.

Regarding Claim 9, Young in view of Browne disclose a system as stated above in Claim 8. In such a system that may automatically record data based on pre-selected parameters such as theme, there must inherently be a data extraction means for extracting the specified data to be stored from the received data based on the identification information.

Regarding Claims 10-12, see Claims 1-4 above.

Regarding Claims 13-15, see Claim 10 above. It is inherent in such a computer-based system (See Figure 4) that there must be a computer program running thereon to carry out the methods as stated above.

Regarding Claims 16-24, see Claims 1-9 above.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 22 March 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues with respect to claims 1, 10, and 16 that Young or Browne does not disclose or suggest that the next-update information is part of the data. However,

Young discloses multiple methods of transporting the scheduling information (next-update information). Young discloses that the scheduling information can be broadcast along with the TV programming or "next-update information is part of the data" (See Young column 6 line 60 – column 7 line 32).

Applicant also argues with respect to claims 1, 10, and 16 that Young or Browne does not disclose or suggest an extraction means for extracting the next-update information from the data. However, since Young discloses that the scheduling information is broadcast along with the TV programming, the receiver has a means of stripping or extracting the scheduling information (See Fig. 4, 168 and 169; column 8 lines 23-40).

Applicant further argues with respect to claims 1, 10, and 16 that Young or Browne does not disclose or suggest a data update detection means or comparator. However, Young discloses that the CPU performs a test to see if the system clock is within the scheduled time (See Fig. 4; Col. 20, Lines 40-43), wherein the CPU performs the functions of the data update detection means or comparator. Furthermore, the CPU uses the scheduling information that was extracted from the TV programming as discussed above.


Applicant is reminded that although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

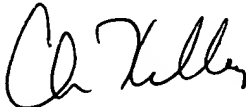
Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph G. Ustaris whose telephone number is 571-272-7383. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5PM; Alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher S. Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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